IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.GIRI

THURSDAY, THE 6TH SEPTEMBER 2007 / 15TH BHADRA 1929

WP(C).No. 24387 of 2007(C)

PETITIONER:

P.UNNIKRISHNAN,
JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT, CHOKKAD GRAMA PANCHAYATH,
CHOKKAD, MALAPPURAM.

BY ADV. SMT.I.SHEELA DEVI

RESPONDENTS:
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1. STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT,
SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. DIRECTOR OF PANCHAYATHS,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. SIVADASAN.C.,
VENGARA GRAMA PANCHAYATH,
MALAPPURAM.

BY GOVT.PLEADER SRI.BIJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 06/09/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

V.GIRI,J.

W.P.(C) NO.24387 of 2007

Dated this the 6th day of September, 2007

JUDGMENT

The petitioner, currently working as a Junior Superintendent in Chokkad Grama Panchayath in Malappuram District, was aggrieved by the fact that the options which he had expressed in the matter of place of posting, in the course of general transfer for the year 2007, was not accepted by the Director of Panchayats. According to him, the third respondent, who is junior in service, was posted at Vengara to which he had also indicated a preference in the options which he had given in the prescribed form appended to Ext.P3. The petitioner also contends that there is still a vacancy in the Kannamangalam Grama Panchayat wherein he possibly could be accommodated without causing disturbance to any other person.

3. It is for the Director of Panchayat to take a decision in the matter of transfers and postings. I do not propose to express any opinion on the acceptability of the claim made by the petitioner. But, in facts and circumstances of the case, if the petitioner prefers a representation before the Director of Panchayats indicating the

aforementioned aspects, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment, such representation shall be considered and disposed of, in accordance with law, within a period of two months thereafter. It is made clear that I have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case. It is further made clear that if any other person would be effected by the request made by the petitioner, it is obviously necessary for the Director to hear such person also before any decision is taken in this regard.

The writ petition is disposed of with the above directions.

V.GIRI, JUDGE

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